





# Your washing machine

**Congratulations** – You have opted for a modern, high-quality domestic appliance manufactured by BOSCH. The washing machine is distinguished by its economical use of water and energy. Each appliance which leaves our factory has been inspected thoroughly to ensure that it functions properly and is in perfect condition. For further information about products, accessories, spare parts and services visit our web site: [www.bosch-home.com](http://www.bosch-home.com) or contact our after-sales service centres.

## Environmentally friendly waste disposal

All packaging must be disposed of in accordance with environmental guidelines. This appliance is certified in accordance with European Directive 2002/96/EEC on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). This directive provides the framework for the EU-wide collection and reuse of used appliances.



Observe the safety instructions on page 8.



Read these instructions before switching on the washing machine. Also follow the separate installation instructions.

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## Protection of the environment/Conservation tips

- Always fill the washing machine with a maximum amount of laundry for the relevant programme.
- Wash normally soiled laundry without prewash.
- Instead of the **Cottons 90 °C** programme, select **Cottons Eco 60 °C** and the **(Intensive)** additional function. The cleaning result will be comparable, but energy consumption will be significantly lower.
- Dose the detergent according to the manufacturer's instructions and water hardness.
- If the laundry is to be subsequently dried in a tumble dryer, select a spin speed as specified by the dryer manufacturer.

## Intended use

- For domestic use only.
- For washing machine-washable fabrics in a detergent solution.
- To be operated with cold mains water and commercially available low foam detergents and care products which are suitable for use in washing machines.



- *Do not leave children unattended near the washing machine!*
- *The washing machine is not to be used by children or persons not familiar with the operating instructions.*
- *Keep pets away from the washing machine!*

## Preparation

Correct installation according to separate installation instructions.



## Check the machine

- Never switch on a damaged machine!
- Inform your customer service!

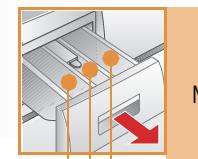


## Insert mains plug

**With dry hands only!**  
Only hold the plug itself!



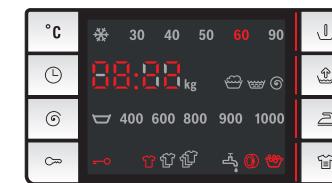
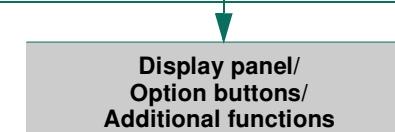
## Turn on the tap



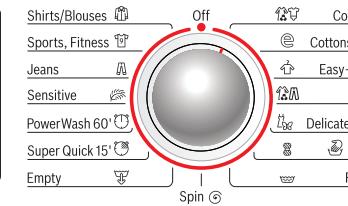
**Compartment II:** Detergent for the main wash, water softener, bleach, stain remover

**Compartment ☈:** Fabric softener, impregnating agent, starch

**Compartment I:** Detergent for pre-wash



Silence Perfect



Programme selector for switching the machine on and off and for selecting the programme. Can be rotated in either direction.



## Before washing for the first time,

wash once without any laundry →page 9

### Sorting and loading the laundry

Observe the care information provided by the manufacturer.  
Sort according to the information on the care labels.  
Sort according to type, colour, soiling and temperature.  
Remove any foreign objects - risk of rusting.  
Do not exceed the maximum load. →page 7

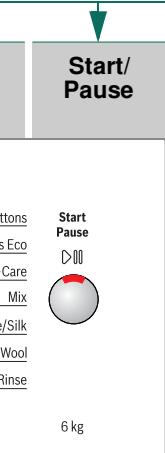
Observe the instructions in the Important information section. →page 9  
Load both large and small items of laundry.  
Close the washing machine door. Take care not to trap any items of clothing between the loading door and rubber seal.

### Add detergent and care product

Add the appropriate dose according to:  
Amount of laundry, soiling, water hardness (ask your water supply company) and manufacturer's instructions.  
Models without insert for liquid detergent: pour liquid detergent into an appropriate dispenser and place in the drum.  
During operation: close the detergent drawer!

**i** Dilute viscous fabric softener and fabric conditioner with water.  
This prevents blockages.

### Setting and adjusting programmes



**i** If the symbol lights up or flashes in the display panel, the childproof lock is active.  
→deactivate, page 6

For additional functions and option buttons, see the Individual settings section. →page 5/6

#### Select Start/Pause

**i** All buttons are sensitive and a gentle tap is adequate!  
If you press and hold the Option buttons, the setting options automatically scroll through.



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2

3

## Washing



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### Washing



### Removing laundry

- Open washing machine door and remove laundry.  
If (Rinse stop = without final spin) is active: Select the spin speed or set programme selector to **Empty**  or **Spin** .
- Select **Start/Pause** .
- Remove any foreign objects - risk of rusting.

### Turn off the tap

Information on Aquastop.  
Installation instructions. →page 7.

### Switch off

- Set Programm selector to **Off**.

### Programme ended when ...

... **Start/Pause**  indicator light goes out and - - or - - - (if was selected, without final spin) is indicated on the display panel, the buzzer sounds. Set volume of buzzer. →page 6

### Change the programme ...

If you have selected the wrong programme by mistake:

- Reselect the programme.
- Select **Start/Pause** .

### Pause the programme ...

- Touch the **Start/Pause**  button.
- Follow the instructions in the display field: when lights up and appears in the display, the door can be opened. If required, add /remove a laundry item; If and are displayed alternately, the door cannot be opened due to a high water level in drum or a high temperature.
- Touch **Start/Pause**  button to continue the programme.

### ... or terminate the programme

Programmes with high temperature:

- Cool down laundry: Select **Rinse** .
- Select **Start/Pause** .

Programmes at lower temperature:

- Select **Empty**  or **Spin** .
- Select **Start/Pause** .



# Programme overview

(see also the information on page 5, 6)

Programmes	°C	max. (kg)*	Type of laundry	Additional functions; information			
Cottons	**-90 °C	6,0**	Hard-wearing textiles, heat-resistant textiles made of cotton or linen	 Prewash, Water plus, Easy iron, Intensive			
Cotton Eco	**-60 °C	6,0**		For particularly sensitive skin, longer wash cycle at selected temperature, higher water level, additional rinse cycle.			
Sensitive	**-60 °C	5,5**	Hard-wearing textiles made of cotton or linen	 Prewash, Water plus, Easy iron, Intensive			
PowerWash 60'	** 60 °C	3,0	Hard-wearing textiles made of cotton or blended fabric	Time-controlled programme, 60 minutes.			
Easy-Care	** 60 °C		Easy-Care textiles made of cotton, linen, synthetic fibres or blended fabrics	 Prewash, Water plus, Easy iron			
Mix	**-40 °C	3,5	Textiles made of cotton and easy-care textiles	 Prewash, Water plus, Easy iron, Intensive			
Jeans			Dark-coloured fabrics made of cotton and dark easy-care fabrics	Different types of textiles which can be washed together.			
Shirts/Blouses	**-60 °C		Non-iron shirts made of cotton, linen, synthetic fibres or blended fabrics	 Prewash, Water plus, Easy iron, Intensive			
Delicates/Silk			For delicate, washable textiles, e.g. made of silk, satin, synthetic fibres or blended fabrics	Short spin only, drip dry.			
Wool	**-40 °C	2,0	Hand- or machine-washable wool or wool-rich textiles.	 Prewash, Water plus, Easy iron			
Sports, Fitness			Textiles for outdoor wear, made from microfibre	Short spin only between the rinse cycles.			
Super Quick 15'			Easy-Care textiles made of cotton, linen, synthetic fibres or blended fabrics	Particular gentle wash programme to avoid shrinkage, longer programme breaks (laundry rests in the detergent solution).			
Additional programmes		6,0		 Rinse, Spin, Empty, Intensive			
<p><b>i</b> The programmes are time-controlled for lightly soiled textiles. If textiles are heavily soiled, reduce the load and select additional function, e.g.  (Intensive).</p> <p>* Programmes without prewash - pour detergent into dispenser <b>II</b>, programmes with prewash - divide detergent between dispensers <b>I</b> and <b>II</b>.</p> <p>** Max. load according to IEC 60456 Ed.4.</p> <p>*** Select the  (Intensive) additional function if washing max. kg of cottons and coloureds.</p>							
<p>For further information and a selection of our products go to our web site: <a href="http://www.bosch-home.com">http://www.bosch-home.com</a> or contact our customer service centres</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Robert Bosch Hausgeräte GmbH Car-Wery-Str.34 D-81739 Munich/Germany</td> <td>WLM20461BY WLM24441BY</td> <td>9000634969 0211</td> </tr> </table>					Robert Bosch Hausgeräte GmbH Car-Wery-Str.34 D-81739 Munich/Germany	WLM20461BY WLM24441BY	9000634969 0211
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# Safety instructions

- Read and follow the operating and installation instructions and all other information enclosed with the washing machine.
- Retain documents for subsequent use.

**Risk of electric shock**

- Never pull out the mains plug by tugging the power cord.
- Never insert/pull out the mains plug with damp hands.

**Risk of death**

For worn-out appliances:

- Pull out the mains plug.
- Sever the power cord and discard together with the plug.
- Destroy the lock on the washing machine door.
- This will prevent children from locking themselves and risking their lives.

**Risk of suffocation**

- Keep packaging, plastic film and packaging parts out of the reach of children.

**Risk of poisoning**

- Keep detergents and care products out of the reach of children.
- Items of laundry pretreated with cleaning agents containing solvents, e.g. stain remover/cleaning solvents may lead to an explosion after being loaded into the washing machine.

**Risk of explosion**

Rinse items of laundry thoroughly by hand beforehand.

- Washing machine door may become very hot.
- Take care when draining hot detergent solution.
- Do not climb onto the washing machine.
- Do not lean on the open washing machine door.
- Do not touch the drum in case it is still spinning.

**Risk of injury**

- Be careful when opening the detergent drawer while the machine is in operation.

## Consumption values

Programme	Additional function	Load	Electricity consumption***	Water***	Programme duration***
Cottons  30 °C	—	6.0 kg	0.29 kWh	57 l	1:33 h
Cottons  30 °C*	 Intensive	6.0 kg	0.31 kWh	57 l	2:03 h
Cottons  40 °C	—	6.0 kg	0.50 kWh	57 l	1:38 h
Cottons  40 °C*	 Intensive	6.0 kg	0.52 kWh	57 l	2:03 h
Cottons  60 °C	—	6.0 kg	0.85 kWh	57 l	1:43 h
Cottons  60 °C*	 Intensive	6.0 kg	0.89 kWh	57 l	2:03 h
Cottons  90 °C	—	6.0 kg	1.81 kWh	66 l	1:58 h
Easy-Care  40 °C	—	3.5 kg	0.45 kWh	54 l	1:00 h
Easy-Care  40 °C*	 Intensive	3.5 kg	0.49 kWh	54 l	1:20 h
Mix  40 °C	—	3.5 kg	0.53 kWh	50 l	1:03 h
Delicate/Silk  30 °C	—	2.0 kg	0.18 kWh	26 l	0:39 h
 Wool  30 °C	—	2.0 kg	0.14 kWh	40 l	0:36 h

\* Programme setting for testing according to the currently valid version of EN60456.

Note for comparative testing: for testing the test programmes, wash the specified load using the maximum spin speed.

Programme	Additional function	Load	Annual energy consumption	Annual water consumption
Cottons Eco  40/60°C	 Intensive**	6/3 kg	196 kWh	8650 l

\*\* Programme setting for testing and energy labelling in accordance with directive 2010/30/EU and cold water (15°C).

\*\*\* The values deviate from the indicated values depending on water pressure, hardness, and inlet temperature, ambient temperature, type, amount and soiling of the laundry, detergent used, fluctuations in the power supply and selected additional functions.

# Important information

## Preparing/Protecting the laundry and the machine

- Empty pockets.
- Look out for metal items (paperclips, etc.).
- Wash delicates in a net/bag (tights, curtains, underwired bras).
- Fasten zips, do up any buttons.
- Brush sand out of pockets and collars.
- Remove curtain fittings or in a laundry bag.

## Before washing for the first time

Do not load any laundry into the machine. Turn on the tap. Add the following to compartment  II:

- approx. 1 litre water
- detergent (dosage according to the manufacturer's instructions for light soiling and the appropriate degree of water hardness)

Set the programme selector to **Easy-Care  60 °C** and select **Start/Pause **. At the end of the programme, turn the programme selector to **Off**.

## Laundry with different degrees of soiling

 Light Wash new items separately.

 Heavy Do not prewash.

 If required, pretreat stains. Select  (Intensive) additional function.

 Load less laundry. Prewash.

If required, pretreat stains. Select  (Intensive) additional function.

## Soaking

Pour soaking agent/detergent into dispenser  II according to the manufacturer's instructions. Set **Cottons  30 °C** programme and select **Start/Pause **. After approx. 10 minutes, select **Start/Pause **. After the required soaking time, reselect **Start/Pause ** if the programme is to be continued or change the programme.

## Starching

 Laundry must not be treated with fabric softener

Starching is possible in all washing programmes if liquid starch is used. Add starch to the fabric softener dispenser  in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

## Dyeing/bleaching

Dye in small quantities only. Salt can corrode stainless steel.

Observe the dye manufacturer's instructions.

Do **not** bleach laundry in the washing machine.

# Care



## Machine housing, control panel

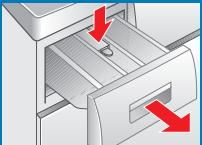
- Wipe with a soft, damp cloth.
- Do not use any abrasive cloths, scourers or cleaning agents (stainless steel cleaners).
- Immediately remove laundry and cleaning agent residues.
- Do not clean the appliance with a water jet.



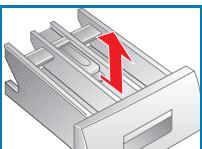
## Clean the detergent drawer ...

... if it contains detergent or fabric softener residues.

1. Pull out the drawer up to the stop position, press down the latch on the insert and remove the drawer completely.



2. Remove insert: pull insert upwards with finger.



3. Clean the detergent dispenser and the insert with water and a brush.
4. Refit the insert and secure in place (the cylinder should fit over the guide pin).
5. Insert the detergent drawer.
6. Leave the detergent drawer open so that residual water can evaporate.



## Drum

Leave the washing machine door open after washing so that the drum can dry. Rust stains – use chlorine-free cleaning agent, not steel wool.



## Descaling No laundry in the machine!

This is not necessary if the detergent is dosed correctly. However, if it is necessary, follow the instructions of the descaler manufacturer. Suitable descaling products can be purchased from our website or after-sales service. →page 13

# Information on the display

A:0 1

Please close the door immediately because of rising water level. In pause status A:0 1 and OPEN are displayed alternately.

A:0 2

Door is locked due to safety reasons (water level and/or temperature are too high); in pause status, A:0 2 and PAUSE are displayed alternately. If you need to open the door, wait for the temperature to drop or drain the water (e.g. select Empty  programme).

A:0 3

Door cannot be locked/unlocked due to high temperature of the door lock. Wait a moment and try again.



**Flashing** (no water supply):  
Tap turned on?  
Inlet filter blocked? Clean filter. →page 11  
Supply hose kinked or blocked?

**On** (low water pressure):  
Only information. No influence  
on the programme process.

E: 10

Clean drain pump; →page 11  
outlet pipe/drainage hose blocked.

other displays

Switch off the appliance, wait 5 seconds and switch it back on.  
If the display appears again, call the customer service →page 13



- Risk of electric shock!  
Pull out the mains plug!
- Risk of explosion! No solvents!

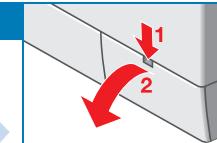
# Maintenance



- Risk of scalding!  
Allow detergent solution to cool down!
- Turn off the tap!

## Drain pump

1. Set the programme selector to • Off, disconnect the mains plug.



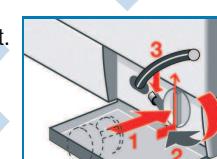
2. Open and remove the service flap.
- Release the drainage hose from the clip.  
Remove the sealing plug from the drainage hose, allow the detergent solution to flow out. Push the sealing cap back in.



3. Remove the pump cap. Remove foreign objects/loose debris/fluff from inside and clean the pump. (impeller in the pump must be able to rotate).



4. Clean any residual lye or fluff from the thread of the pump cap and pump housing.



5. Attach the pump cap and screw it on tight until the stop, handle is upright. Place the drainage hose back in the retainer.

6. Place the service flap back on and close.

**i** To prevent unused detergent from flowing straight into the drain during the next wash cycle: pour 1 litre of water into compartment II and start the **Empty ** programme. Then select and start a new washing programme with detergent as usual.

## Filter in the water inlet hose

**! Risk of electric shock**  
Do not immerse the Aqua-Stop safety device in water (it contains an electric valve).

### Reduce the water pressure in the supply hose:

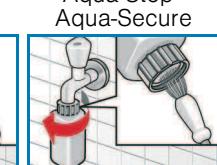
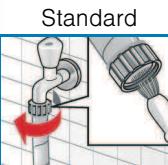
1. Turn off the tap.
2. Select any programme (except Spin /Empty ).
3. Touch **Start/Pause ** button and allow the programme to run for approx. 40 seconds.
4. Set the programme selector to • Off. Disconnect the mains plug.

### Clean the filter:

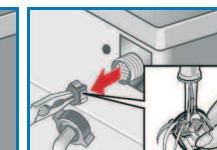
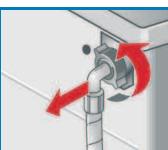
1. Remove the supply hose from the tap. Clean the filter with a small brush.

or

on standard and Aqua-Secure models:  
Remove the hose from the rear, remove the filter using pliers and clean the filter.



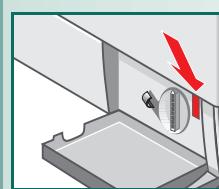
2. Reconnect the supply hose and check if it is tight.



# What to do if ...

Water is leaking out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fit/refit drainage hose correctly.</li><li>Tighten the screw connection of the supply hose.</li></ul>
No water supply. Detergent not dispensed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Start/Pause ▶▷</b> not selected?</li><li>Water tap not turned on?</li><li>Supply hose filter blocked? Clean the filter. →page 11</li><li>Supply hose kinked or trapped?</li></ul>
Washing machine door cannot be opened.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Safety function active. Programme stopped? →page 4</li><li>☒ (Rinse stop = no final spin) selected? →page 6</li><li>Can be opened by emergency release only. →page 13</li></ul>
Programme does not start.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Start/Pause ▶▷</b> or <b>Finish-in time</b> selected?</li><li>Washing machine door closed?</li></ul>
Detergent solution is not drained.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean the drain pump. →page 11</li><li>Clean waste pipe and/or drainage hose.</li></ul>
Water not visible in the drum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not a fault - water below the visible area.</li></ul>
Spin result not satisfactory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wash small and large items of laundry together.</li><li>☒ <b>Easy iron</b> selected? →page 6</li><li>Speed selected too low? →page 6</li></ul>
Spin cycle performed several times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not a fault - unbalanced load detection system adjusts the imbalance.</li></ul>
Compartment ☒ not rinsed out completely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remove the insert. Clean detergent drawer and insert. →page 10</li></ul>
Odour formation in the washing machine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Run the <b>Cottons</b> ☒ 90 °C programme without laundry.</li><li>Use standard detergent.</li></ul>
Foam escapes from the detergent drawer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Too much detergent used? Mix 1 tablespoon of fabric softener with 1/2 litre of water and pour into compartment II in the detergent drawer.</li><li>Reduce detergent dosage for the next wash cycle.</li></ul>
Excessive noise, vibrations and "wandering" during spin cycle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Are the appliance feet fixed? Secure the appliance feet. →<i>Installation instructions</i>, page 5</li><li>Transport bolts removed? Remove transport bolts. <i>Installation instructions</i>, page 3</li></ul>
Display panel/indicator lamps do not light up while the appliance is running.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Power failure/off? Interrupted programme will be resumed when power returns.</li><li>Circuit breaker tripped? Reset the circuit breaker/ change the fuse.</li><li>If the fault occurs repeatedly, call the customer service.</li></ul>
Programme sequence longer than usual.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not a fault - unbalanced load detection system adjusts imbalance by repeatedly distributing the laundry.</li><li>Not a fault - foam detection system active - adds an additional rinse cycle.</li></ul>
Detergent residues on the laundry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Occasionally, phosphate-free detergents contain water-insoluble residues.</li><li>Select <b>Rinse</b> ☒ or brush the laundry after washing.</li></ul>
If you cannot correct a fault yourself or a repair is required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Turn the programme selector to <b>Off</b> and pull the mains plug out of the socket.</li><li>Turn off the tap and call the customer services. →page 13</li></ul>

# Emergency release e.g. in the event of power failure



Interrupted programme will be resumed when power returns. However, if the laundry has to be removed, the washing machine door can be opened as follows:

**Risk of scalding.**  
The detergent solution and laundry may be hot.  
If possible, leave it to cool down.  
Do not reach into the drum if it is still rotating.  
Do not open the washing machine door if water can be seen through the glass.

- Set the programme selector to **Off** and disconnect the mains plug.
- Drain the detergent solution. →page 11
- Pull the emergency release with a tool and release. The washing machine door can then be opened.

## Customer service

- If you cannot rectify the fault yourself →page 12: *What to do if ...*, please contact our after-sales service. We will always find a suitable solution and will avoid a visit from a service technician wherever possible.
- The contact details for all countries can be found in the enclosed after-sales service directory.
- Please give the customer service the product number (E-Nr.) and the production number (FD) of the appliance.

E-Nr. \_\_\_\_\_ FD \_\_\_\_\_

Product number Production number

You will find the identification plate containing this information on the frame of the open door, and of the rating plate on the back of the appliance.

**Rely on the professionalism of the manufacturer.** Please contact us. This will ensure that the repair is carried out by trained service technicians who arrive equipped with genuine spare parts for your appliance.



**Washing machine** **WLM20461BY**  
**WLM24441BY**



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